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they must live in shacks and mud huts, travel daily on overcrowded means of transport, and, on their present wages, can hardly meet their basic needs. If 5 million enjoy a life of luxury, what about the other 50 million people who cannot?

We want a pause to reexamine our domestic affairs before the volcano suddenly erupts. Help and success always come from God.

Libya

Al-Qadhdhafi Urges 'Generation of Anger'
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[Speech by leader Colonel Mu'ammar al-Qadhdhafi to students in Al-'Aziziyah; date not given—recorded]

[Text] Here is the anger in occupied Palestine. The members of this generation, they themselves raise slogans which say that we are the generation of anger; they listen to what we say and say we are the generation of anger. Even Israeli radio said there are elements among the uprising of the Palestinian people which follow Libya. What does the phrase Libyan elements mean? It means Palestinian elements which follow Libya. See the interpretation of enemies who distort everything. Elements which follow Libya! We are one people: You are our enemies and our land is occupied. They heard them say—we are the generation of anger—and they know that this cry came from Libya. This generation of anger has bypassed Yasir 'Arafat and all these traditional leaders because it seems that they are not angry. There is someone who has a rifle but he does not fight with it. However, this one, out of anger, fought with stones. The generation of anger has begun to prove its existence; the vanguards of the generation of anger have appeared in the arena. The revolution of stones and bullets should not be the only one in the arena. Anger should include all the fields. [crowd chants]

Anger should prevail in the field and be led by this new generation because of your effectiveness, the effectiveness of each one of you, each class, each [word indistinct]. The generation of every country, from Libya to Palestine, depends on the salvation of the future of this torn nation or its final collapse. [crowd chants]

Deceit, brainwashing, duping, soccer, cards, alcohol, tourism? Why are they spreading them? In order to distract people's minds from thinking about their future. Hashish, by the order of the king, should be distributed on a large scale in order to numb all the youth. These governments show concern for one issue, in addition to their servitude and loyalty to outsiders: soccer and all these games, which distract all people, distract the youth.

Do not listen to this tasteless and unreasonable encouragement of this ball game, this group, and that of the president himself, the king himself attended the game,

supervised it and distributed the medals; and that this or that team came, went, arrived, and departed. What does this mean? It means that this is an operation to numb youth. It is all a numbing operation. See in Europe the sports teams; Europe has reached the moon, gone beyond it and is heading for the remaining stars, Europe and the United States. We need mass sports to build our bodies. We should practice sports everyday, sports which make our bodies like steel, so that we can manufacture, plant, and fight, and in order to keep away illness and laziness.

Europe at present is the aim of even the female who has an old tattoo and wants to remove it, needing plastic surgery in Europe. Who used to go to Europe? They were only the khawajas [wealthy people] and those people whom we do not... [changes thought] While now the airports are full and the Europeans have started to shout: Hold up you people; they are all coming to Europe. Are they not fed up now, saying that Libyans are coming to Europe and are stranded at airports; the planes are full and the passengers are filling the grounds of the airports; the Libyans are sitting in the European airports not knowing how to return home? They might be annoyed by these things from an economic and banking aspect [as heard]; however, politically, and historically, and due to other considerations, they are greatly pleased because the airports are jammed with Libyan people.

Before the revolution who, from these poor people, were capable of traveling to Europe? We did not even have a passport [words indistinct]. We became aware of the airplane after the revolution. And whoever claimed to have been in a plane was lying. Now elderly women and men, as well as the crippled, are all heading for Europe! This was something we did not know before and were banned from doing. The sons of highly placed families were the only people who traveled to Europe, while we were unable even to go to [name indistinct]. If I were to go to Tarhunah, I was to be considered an expert. At present Azzuzz goes to the Scandinavian countries to be a Libyan expert. [sentence as heard] [laughter followed by chants]

The peoples of the Arab nation still live on country estates and farms privately owned by those rulers. Thus it is an historic action when authority, wealth, and arms are put in the hands of the people and the country is without a president, without a government, and every day the people elect members of people's committees to carry out decisions. This is a fearsome matter to them. This has destroyed the old world, destroyed the old theory and all the centuries' old arrangements: the ruler and ruled, government and people, master and slave, worker and employer, wage earner and employer, exploiter and exploited, and someone alert and another a fool. How would those rulers, rich people, businessmen, lawyers and contractors live if they did not find someone stupid and foolish, or naive, or in need? Therefore, it is in their interests to spread charlatanism, ignorance, and naivete. They did not prohibit you from going to the

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Murabitin, or to the Faqihs. This helped them because if awareness exists, they would lose their capability of living. When awareness was created the revolution came, and when the revolution came it brought the people's authority. They could see the outcome and they had some justification. But when there is no awareness, they can continue. If you are aware you would demand a doctor; you would demand that petrol be used to build a hospital with doctors and X-rays.

They do not want you to be aware and go to see a doctor. They would tell you to see a religious figure—they used to encourage these people by paying them money. What's your problem? You're sick? Go and see Sidi 'Abd al-Salam, he will cure you. But now, the Libyan says: I am sick, take me to Switzerland. Look, when he is sick, he requires Switzerland. One would not say: I am sick, give me treatment. So you know Switzerland, treatment, and something called abroad.

Before people did not know that there was anything beyond the sea. Those people are the only ones who know, who get treatment over there. These rich families who used to rule us, are the ones who used to get treatment abroad. As for us, we had never had treatment abroad: How could we do that?

Where did the Libyans used to get treatment? We used to get treatment from the religious figures, the holy men or their tombs which we used to visit. He who cannot procreate visits a holy man. Cases like this. Once I found a lady lying beside the tomb of this Sidi 'Abd al-Salam. What is this? Is she dead or what, I wondered. This was before the revolution when I was an officer. I swear it is a fact—a lady lying over the tomb—and I asked: What is this? I went to inquire myself about this tomb. It was a stupid scene. They said: She is a barren woman imploring Sidi 'Abd al-Salam to have children. [audience laughs] [Words indistinct]. Now any person that cannot have children goes through a whole process, and is taken to Europe to be operated on. This is the right way. But before, those who could not have children went and lay on the tomb of Sidi 'Abd al-Salam [laughter] or went to visit Sidi Rafa' Lansari, or Sidi M'Barak Tower, or Sidi Jarrari, or Sidi Bou'Jila [words indistinct] benediction. They used to be happy, visiting the religious man. Where is the charlatan? Their intelligence used to infiltrate unseen among us. They would tell you: There is a religious man who is very capable if you want him to find you a cure in his books, so that the Libyans ...[changes thought] This was by order of the government, and it still exists in the Arab countries. There are very funny things in the Arab countries.

In Baghdad, there are things from the Middle Ages which are still encouraged by the government; Musa al-Kadhim, and what have you [words indistinct] Karbala'. They would tell people to go and kill animals in the mosques, blood, women, a terrible thing. So and so would want this, and the other one would want that, and there are no hospitals and no one is allowed to go abroad.

Who among us would accept such a thing, apart from simple people. We are fighting against these things. Now we are fighting these things, we close the mausoleum where the holy people are buried, we arrest charlatans, and ask people to go to hospitals. Before, the government ruling us used to want us to go to these places in order to avoid building hospitals, avoid spending money on us, or sending us abroad. They would tell us to go and die, knowing that neither the charlatan nor the holy man would cure us, but as the people are stupid, they go spreading ideas of tombs and the like. The government itself is building domes over the tombs of holy men. Domes over anything, even over dead dogs, to have people go and ask for blessings. Once, one of the governments built a dome over the tomb of an Italian. They said: We found a tomb, we built a dome over it, [words indistinct], and let the people go to the holy men, to the [word indistinct], to have them cure people by their books, or to cauterize, or cup them [words indistinct].

As for them and their sons, have you ever seen the son of a minister, or the son of a deputy minister, or the minister himself or his deputy? Have you ever met them near a tomb of a holy man, saying cure me because I have a headache. The car would take him right away to Switzerland or to the United States.

Envoy Comments on Postponement of OAU Meeting
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[Excerpts] The Chadian issue is back in the limelight after the postponement of the OAU ad hoc committee meeting. Ndjamenia is against the postponement; the Chadian authorities claim not to have been informed. The meeting was scheduled for the beginning of February but was finally delayed until April. [passage omitted]

The Libyan side showed itself not be particularly surprised, even less scandalized, by the postponement. Radio journalist (Farida Ayari) interviewed Libyan Ambassador in Paris Hamid al-Khudayri in Paris yesterday:

[Begin Al-Khudayri recording] I think that the committee is free to decide when the meeting can take place or to set a precise date which suits everybody. As you know, Libya is not a member; it is concerned with the work of the committee but it is not a member of it. That is why it respects the decision of the chairman of the committee or that of the committee as a whole, because it sincerely wishes the committee to be able to work thoroughly and in a calm and constructive spirit, one of independence, so as to truly see the issue in its entirety, and to check all documents submitted to the committee. I believe this to have been our objective from the start at the Lusaka meeting. We thought that in order to be able to work, the committee must be given enough time to check all